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In re Application of:
ROSTAMI et al.

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Application No.: **10/743,250**

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Examiner: **Michele C. Flood**

Title: **USE OF BOWMAN BIRK INHIBITOR FOR THE TREATMENT OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AND OTHER AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 30, 2006, and is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time, which resets the deadline for response to August 30, 2006.

The present invention involves treatment of chronic inflammation in a patient with an induced inflammatory autoimmune disease comprising administering an amount of Bowman Birk Inhibitor. The Examiner has requested an election by Applicants regarding claim 18, wherein the induced inflammatory autoimmune disease is:

- experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis, or
- experimental autoimmune neuritis.

Applicants traverse the need to separate the two for examination purposes, since both are treated by the method of Applicants' invention. Nevertheless, Applicants first elect to prosecute experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis as the induced disease for claim 18. No other election or restriction has been presently required.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, she is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (215) 988-3361.

Respectfully submitted,

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